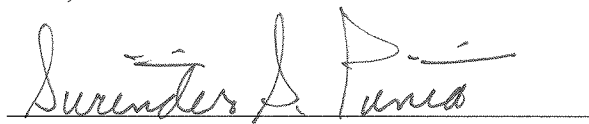


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on October 31, 2007, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. In light of a petition for a three-month extension and fee therefore, enclosed herewith, the period for response expires April 30, 2008. This response, therefore, is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.